

LAST year we enlisted the aid of the Army Research Institute to ask you, our readers, what you would like to see in *Soldiers*. We listened, and this month *Soldiers* launches three new departments — Lifestyles, Tech Notes and On Point.

Lifestyles covers a wide range of soldier concerns, such as fitness, nutrition, recreation and travel. Tech Notes brings you an overview of the latest in high-tech equipment, along with a sneak preview of what's on the drawing board. Finally, On Point showcases images of soldiers in action around the world.

Along with new departments we've updated the

magazine's look — the first such change in several years. This redesign gives the magazine a more modern appearance while capitalizing on the use of photos.

As always, we hope you find this month's issue of *Soldiers* interesting and informative.



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A True Army of One

I NOW know for sure what the new Army motto, "Army of One," is all about: PFC Jessica Lynch is an "Army of One" and women in the services are standing as tall as the Statue of Liberty.

Keep up the terrific work with Soldiers magazine.

Tamas Judson
via e-mail

Legal Excellence

STEVEN Chucala's April "Legal Forum" article was great. It covered several topics that are of special importance to soldiers, and I posted it on our bulletin board here in the Bamberg Legal Assistance Office.

Keep up the great work.

Gary N. Jones
Bamberg, Germany

Another Camp Smith

IN reference to the letters asking about the location of Camp Smith in the February and April Feedback sections, there is also a Camp Smith in Cortlandt Manor, N.Y. It's just outside Peekskill, about nine miles southeast of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

SFC Elroy Grant
via e-mail

No Automatic LPN

I AM an instructor in the MOS 91W (health care specialist) course here at Fort Sam Houston, and my students and I really enjoyed your April issue.

However, the one-page 91W article on the issue's inside back cover might cause some confusion. Though the new MOS does replace the 91B and 91C designators, completion of the 91W does not get the student a license as a licensed practical nurse (LPN).

You have no idea how many soldiers come to the course thinking they'll receive an LPN license upon graduation. They do get a lot of training, but it's not even close to the 52-week course soldiers in the old 91C had to undergo to

get the license. After 16 weeks a 91W will receive a National Registry Emergency Medical Technician Basic (NREMT-B) certification upon successful completion of the exam.

I hope this helps clarify the misconception that a lot of people — especially recruiters! — have with the new MOS.

SFC Quinones
via e-mail

Great Map

I WOULD like to thank the Soldiers staff for the "Cool Map" in the March 2003 edition.

I hung a copy in my office here at Fort Riley, and almost every member of the National Guard and Army Reserve who passed through following activation for the war with Iraq wanted a copy. In fact, the demand was so great that I called Soldiers and you were kind enough to send us more.

Carol Hale
via e-mail

MAST Plus

I ENJOYED Heike Hasenauer's February article "MAST to the Rescue," though I'd like to clarify a few points.

While the author was correct in saying that the 68th Medical Company is the only Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic (MAST) unit in Hawaii, it's not the only air-ambulance provider. Hawaii Air Ambulance, a private fixed-wing air ambulance company based at Honolulu International Airport, has been providing inter-island air ambulance service for many years.

Hawaii Air Ambulance performs between 175 and 225 flights each month, which include the transportation of trauma patients from the outer-island hospitals to Oahu. The article left the impression that outer-island transports are arranged through a haphazard process of calling "for a commercial or privately-owned fixed-wing aircraft to help." Hawaii Air Ambulance medical crews are staffed by some of the most

experienced registered nurses and paramedics in the entire state.

I am a former Army aviator and am currently an Army Nurse Corp officer with the Army Reserve's 9th Regional Support Command. I have the highest respect for the pilots, crew chiefs and medics of the 68th Med. Co., but I also believe the medical crews of Hawaii Air Ambulance provide an important service to the entire state and deserve the credit due them.

1LT Don Kyle
via e-mail

What About Chaplains?

WHILE enjoying your 2003 Soldiers Almanac I noticed that on page 27 you neglected to display the insignia for the Chaplain Corps along with those of the other branches. What happened?

Chaplain (LTC) Don E. German
Ansbach, Germany

WE have the highest respect for Army chaplains, and it certainly wasn't an intentional snub. We'd like to be able to say that the devil made us do it, but must confess that we didn't include insignia for three of the Army's corps (including chaplains) simply because we couldn't find or create suitable graphic images in time to make the deadline for the Almanac issue.

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